

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CHALLENGES STATE EMPLOYEES TO "REACH FOR THE STARS" AND RAISE \$10 MILLION FOR CHARITY**

Garamendi joins Governor Schwarzenegger in celebrating a 50-year tradition of making a difference

**SACRAMENTO** - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi joined the United Way, state employees, community leaders and more than 100 local nonprofit organizations, for the annual California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) kick-off breakfast. Echoing the campaign theme, "Reaching for the Stars," Garamendi challenged state employees to raise \$10 million, which would surpass the \$7.7 million they raised last year.

"By completing a simple pledge form today, we have the unique opportunity to work together to change lives forever. I encourage all State employees to join me in supporting the 2007 Charitable Campaign and raise \$10 million. Your generous commitment today will help build strong and health communities and provide assistance to many needy Californians," said Garamendi, Vice-Chair of this year's campaign.

For 50 years, the California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) has provided state employees with the opportunity to donate through payroll deduction to a non-profit organization of their choice. More than \$77 million has been raised by CSECC statewide since it was established in 1957.

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